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## Arlington Benefits from New Classes of Citizen Police Academy Graduates

### COUNCIL CHAMBER –

Trust is an important component in the foundation of any successful relationship.

On the national stage, the world is watching what happens when there is mistrust between the police and the communities they are sworn to serve and protect.

In Arlington, a series of free citizen police academy programs are working to build public trust. At the conclusion of each academy class, citizen graduates earn more than a certificate for 11 weeks of study and commitment to crime prevention.

Officer Tim Hayden, who heads up the Arlington Citizens Police Academy program, said residents are earning knowledge.

“Through this academy process, we’re building trust and value,” Officer Hayden said. “Participants learn that we have their best interests at heart. They have a voice.”

### It's Graduation Time!

Surrounded by family and friends, 26 residents were recently awarded certificates of completion as graduates of Citizens Police Academy Class #57 on April 23.

They were joined by newly elected Tarrant County District Attorney Sharen Wilson who spoke about the role of the DA's office and her commitment to justice and the effective prosecution of criminals.

In addition to the CPA, Arlington has a Hispanic Citizens Police Academy for Spanish-speaking residents. On May 7, this program produced 32 graduates.

A High School Citizens Police Academy for teens is bringing forth new generations of informed residents. Under the direction of School Resource Officers, 13 students recently graduated from the High School CPA. More than half the class was eligible for the Perfect Attendance Award. Many of them say they're interested in careers in law enforcement.

On May 27, APD also welcomed 10 Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (ACAPP) graduates from the faith-based community.

From the influx of citizen academy graduates, officers are producing more safety-minded residents who see legitimacy in policing, said Crime Prevention Sergeant Vincent Pewitt.

“Through our programs, residents are learning how fairness, transparency, trust and impartiality govern our daily decision-making processes,” Sgt. Pewitt said.

At the conclusion of the process, many graduates connect with alumni associations who support public safety in many other ways. Graduates volunteer in programs such as Citizens On Patrol. They are active in Community Watch Groups, they mentor youth and fundraise.

Before the citizen police academy, people saw the badge and blue uniform.

“After graduation, there's a better understanding of the individuals behind the badge,” Officer Hayden said. “They return to their neighborhoods and become our biggest champions for public safety.”



APD welcomes Hispanic Citizens Police Academy Class #28.



Congratulations Zack Lawrence from Arlington High School!



Citizen Police Academy Class #57 graduates celebrate in Council Chamber.



Police Chief Will Johnson and CPA Alumni member Phil Kabakoff welcome new graduate Jason Kabakoff.



Tarrant County DA Sharen Wilson's investment in the Arlington community includes the Citizens Police Academy.

Want to learn more about APD? Enroll in an upcoming academy. Click [here](#) to get started.

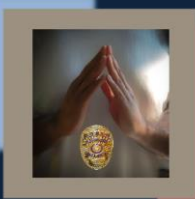


# On Call

## North District

### A.C.A.P.P.

ARLINGTON CLERGY AND POLICE PARTNERSHIP



#### CONGRATULATIONS! ACAPP CLASS #8

On May 28, APD welcomed 10 new clergy leaders who have demonstrated their commitment to the Arlington community. The keynote speaker during the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership Class #8 graduation was Assistant Chief Kevin Kolbye. If you are interested in being a part of the ACAPP program, contact Officer Fretwell at 817-459-5589.

## Just In time for Summer, the Focus is on Water Safety



In preparation for a busy swim season, Cook Children's Hospital hosted a Back to Pool event at the Viridian Lake Club to re-emphasize the importance of water safety.

During this event, we learned that Texas leads the nation in child pool drownings, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Thankfully, public education can help reverse these trends.

At this poolside program, organizers

led a mock rescue demonstration, showing spectators what to do when a child falls into the water. This demo highlighted the important roles of emergency responders. Everyone enjoyed the interactive safety stations, games, prizes, food trucks and bounce houses for children.

During a very emotional moment, parents who lost children to drowning stepped forward to talk about their life-changing experiences.

Ms. Dana Gage lost her teenage son to drowning. She is the founder of the LV Project, a non-profit organization created as a reminder to always wear a life vest. Read more about her story [here](#).



#### SIMPLE STEPS TO SAFETY

Never leave a child unattended in or near a pool or spa area.

Install fencing with self-latching gates around your pool.

Schedule water safety and swim lessons and enroll your family in a CPR class.

Always wear a life jacket or vest.

Click [here](#) for more pool safety tips.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the North Police District. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or [Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov).

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## South District



#### This month on Inside APD ...

Police Memorial Week 2015 was a moving tribute to the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in service. On this month's episode of "Inside APD," see the highlights from the Memorial Tribute in Heroes Park and then travel to Austin for ceremonies in our state's capitol.

"Inside APD" is produced by the Media Office. Click [here](#) to watch.

## Community Finds Solutions to Age-Specific Crimes

The St. Joseph Church in the South Police District recently hosted an opportunity for the community to talk about age specific crimes.

Most of the discussion centered on telephone scammers and fraud.

There were a lot of good questions from the audience. Some of the participants in this forum have fallen victim to these types of crimes.

Participants vowed to use the information shared to secure their homes and let their neighbors and friends know how to respond to unsolicited phone calls.



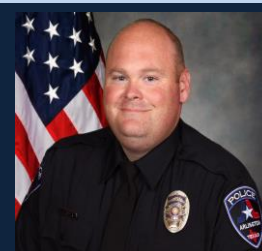
#### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF FRAUD?

Never give out personal information such as your name, date of birth and address.

Trust your inner voice. If something sounds too good to be true, it is probably NOT true.

Never allow yourself to feel pressured to make a decision. Take time to make sure you're asking the right questions.

If you become a victim of a scam, don't be afraid or embarrassed to talk about it with someone you trust. Doing nothing could make your situation worse. Keep phone numbers and other helpful resources on hand including the number to your bank.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the South Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Timothy Hayden at 817-459-6468 or [Timothy.Hayden@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Timothy.Hayden@Arlingtontx.gov).

# On Call

## East District

### Volunteers Step Up to Impact Safety in Homes

On March 28, the Arlington Police Department joined the Red Cross, Fire Department and volunteers to reach out and educate families about the importance of fire safety.

According to the Red Cross, 60 percent of fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms.

During a house fire, smoke alarms and a fire escape plan can save lives.

Volunteers met at Berry Elementary School, divided into groups and assigned a task and area of responsibility.



A special thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in to make a difference.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., everyone pitched in to install smoke alarms, change batteries and help families develop evacuation plans. We also spoke with individuals about tornado safety.

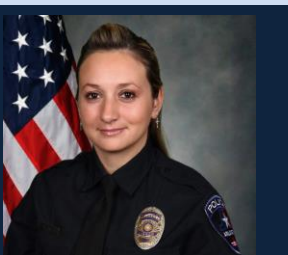
The individuals we made contact with were very appreciative of our efforts.

When it was all over, we installed 100 smoke alarms. We also talked

with many more about their fire safety and tornado evacuation plans.

Across the nation, volunteers just like us visited close to 30,000 homes and installed 51,744 smoke alarms. They replaced 8,710 batteries in smoke detectors and developed 23,162 fire and tornado evacuation safety plans.

Community initiatives like this make our neighborhoods safer and save countless lives. Thank you!



Every month, watch for a new crime prevention highlight from the East Police District.

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Natalia Kuehling at 817-459-5817 or [Maria.Kuehling@ArlingtonTx.gov](mailto:Maria.Kuehling@ArlingtonTx.gov).

ARLINGTON CELEBRATES



NATIONAL  
NIGHT OUT

Project365  
KICKOFF PARTY

Saturday, June 6, 2015  
10 am - 1 pm

At 10 am. Saturday, June 6, join us at the Vandergriff Park Pavilion for food, games, music and the Project 365 Kickoff!

Project365 extends the efforts of crime prevention, police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie beyond National Night Out. This year, we will partner with Safe Haven to collect items for families impacted by domestic violence. Call the Crime Prevention Unit at 817-459-5725 for details.

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## West District

### Knowing the Police Beat

A 9-1-1 call to Arlington Police Dispatch was redirected from the Denton Police Department.

The caller told dispatchers that a man was threatening suicide in Arlington. Not much information was available except that the man lived in a mobile home park and was attempting to asphyxiate himself.

Officer Randy Collins, Corporal Alex Quintanilla, and Officer Charles Cisneros coordinated response

efforts, splitting up to search mobile home parks in areas described by the caller.

Then, they located a man who was unconscious inside of a mobile home park and called for medical assistance.

The man was transported to a hospital and connected with resources that will put him on the road to long-term recovery.

Dispatcher Angie Mack did an outstanding job managing information that came to us from multiple sources. She kept officers informed, ensuring that everyone remained safe on this call.

Without the quick, coordinated response of the team, this 9-1-1 call could have ended with a loss of life. This is another good example of geographic policing and what it means to have dedicated officers who know the people and places in their beat.



Officer Collins



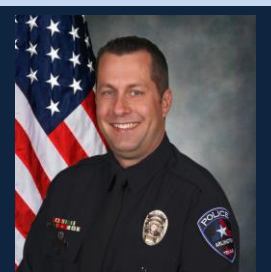
Corporal Quintanilla



Officer Cisneros



Dispatcher Mack



### IN THE COMMUNITY

School is out! The last day of class for Arlington area schools is **Friday, June 5**. APD reminds everyone to slow down in neighborhoods and watch for pedestrians and children on bikes. Avoid distractions in your vehicle. Be alert at all times.

The African American Peace Officer Association of Arlington will sponsor a Big Summer Safety Kickoff Event on **June 6** at Parkway Central Park.

The Citizens Police Academy General meeting is **Thursday, June 11**.

The Second Annual Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Golf Tournament is **Monday, June 15**.



**Save the DATE, Arlington!**

The Arlington Independence Day Parade begins at 9 a.m.

**Saturday, July 4**. Click [here](#) for parade routes and more.

Watch for a new crime prevention highlight each month from the West Police District.

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or [Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov).



## Officer Provides Roadside Assistance

*"... It was after 11 p.m. and I was on the road alone."*

A Dallas woman traveling through the city from a late theater performance in Fort Worth needed help when her vehicle stalled in the 4500 block of South Cooper Street.

"It was after 11 p.m. and I was on the road alone," Junene Harris wrote in an email to the Arlington Police Department on May 7.

She wrote: "I didn't have any money to buy a gas can and had been on hold with roadside assistance for more than 40 minutes."

From her rear-view mirror, she saw an Arlington patrol car stop.

Officer Shipp approached her vehicle to see how he could assist.

He drove the woman to the nearest store and purchased a gas



Officer Shipp

can. He also put enough gas in her tank to get her back to her family in Dallas.

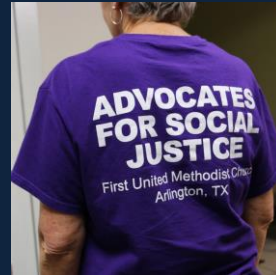
Ms. Harris was so grateful for this officer's assistance that she logged onto the APD website and composed a heartfelt message of thanks.

"Taking the time to say something good about this officer was the least I could do," Ms. Harris told the Media Office.

"This officer took time to help me and I'm grateful for his kindness."

Officer Shipp is assigned to the South Patrol District and has been with APD since March 2011.

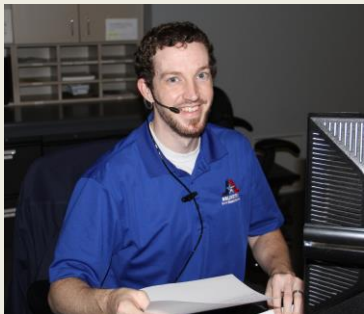
## Backpacks to the Rescue



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - The Arlington Police Department and the North Texas Anti-Trafficking Team are thankful for the generous support of the First United Methodist Church. Last month, the Advocates for Social Justice donated backpacks and toiletry items for rescued victims of human trafficking.

Each backpack has been filled with items such as a comb, toothbrush, deodorant, towel, blanket and toothpaste. Church volunteers also enclosed handwritten notes of encouragement.

The goal of the "Giving Back - Backpacks of Love" project is to collect 100 backpacks through January, which is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. To find out how you can assist with this project, email Human Trafficking Coordinator [Tammy Thomas](#). To learn more about human trafficking, click [here](#).



## A Special Week of Thanks and Smiles

During National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, the community showed its sincere appreciation for the dedicated men and women on the phone lines of Arlington's 9-1-1 Dispatch Center. On APD Facebook and Twitter, the Media Office highlighted a few of the smiling faces who were thankful for the special recognition they received during the week of April 12-18. Telecommunicators are trained to handle calls for service involving police, fire and medical emergencies. They help save lives in times of crisis. Want to learn more about their chosen profession? Click [here](#).

## EVEN THE MOST EXPERIENCED DRIVER CAN BRUSH UP ON THEIR DRIVING SKILLS



At 9 a.m. Saturday, June. 6, the Arlington Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will sponsor an AARP Driver Safety Course. This class is open to adults age 45 or older. It is especially for APD employees, volunteers, citizen police alumni association members and their families. Completing the course could qualify you for an auto insurance discount. Call Phil Kabakoff at 817-572-4928 to enroll or to inquire about upcoming courses.



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